

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gateway of claim 1 further comprising~~
a first port coupled to a first network;
a second port coupled to a second network;
processes implemented within the gateway for identifying at least one service provided
by the first network that is not provided by the second network;
processes implemented within the gateway for implementing the at least one service on
behalf of the second network;
processes implemented within the gateway for determining when the at least one service
is implemented in the second network; and
processes implemented within the gateway for ceasing the provision of the at least one
service in favor of allowing the second network to provide the at least one service.
3. (Currently Amended) The gateway of claim ~~1~~2, wherein at least one of the first
and second networks comprises a Fibre Channel network.
4. (Currently Amended) The gateway of claim ~~1~~2, wherein at least one of the first
and second networks comprises an Internet Protocol network.
5. (Currently Amended) The gateway of claim ~~1~~2, wherein at least one of the first
and second networks comprises a storage area network (SAN).
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gateway of claim 1 comprising~~
a first port coupled to a first network;
a second port coupled to a second network;
processes implemented within the gateway for identifying at least one service provided
by the first network that is not provided by the second network; and

processes implemented within the gateway for implementing the at least one service on behalf of the second network;

wherein the at least one service provided by the first network comprises a discovery service and the processes implemented within the gateway comprise a discovery service implemented on behalf of the second network.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gateway of claim 1 comprising~~
a first port coupled to a first network;
a second port coupled to a second network;
processes implemented within the gateway for identifying at least one service provided by the first network that is not provided by the second network; and
processes implemented within the gateway for implementing the at least one service on behalf of the second network;

wherein the at least one service provided by the first network is security service and the processes implemented within the gateway comprise a security service implemented on behalf of the second network.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) ~~The A method of claim 10 further for configuring a~~
heterogeneous network across a gateway comprising[[:]]
coupling a first port to a first network;
coupling a second port to a second network;
identifying at least one service provided by the first network that is not provided by the second network;

implementing the at least one service in the gateway on behalf of the second network while the second network is unable to implement that service;

determining when the at least one service is implemented in the second network; and
ceasing the implementation of the at least one service in the gateway in favor of allowing the second network to provide the at least one service.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~10~~11, wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises a Fibre Channel network.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~10~~11, wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises an Internet Protocol network.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~10~~11, wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises a storage area network (SAN).

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) ~~The A method of claim 10 for configuring a heterogeneous network across a gateway comprising~~
coupling a first port to a first network;
coupling a second port to a second network;
identifying at least one service provided by the first network that is not provided by the second network; and
implementing the at least one service in the gateway on behalf of the second network while the second network is unable to implement that service; wherein
the at least one service provided by the first network comprises a discovery service; and
the act of implementing the at least one service in the gateway further comprises implementing a discovery service on behalf of the second network.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The gateway A method of claim 10 for configuring a heterogeneous network across a gateway comprising~~
coupling a first port to a first network;
coupling a second port to a second network;
identifying at least one service provided by the first network that is not provided by the second network; and
implementing the at least one service in the gateway on behalf of the second network while the second network is unable to implement that service; wherein
the at least one service provided by the first network is security service-a; and

the act of implementing the at least one service in the gateway comprises implementing a security service on behalf of the second network.

19. (Canceled)

20. (New) The gateway of claim 7, wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises a Fibre Channel network.

21. (New) The gateway of claim 7, wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises an Internet Protocol network.

22. (New) The gateway of claim 7, wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises a storage area network (SAN).

23. (New) The gateway of claim 9, wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises a Fibre Channel network.

24. (New) The gateway of claim 9, wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises an Internet Protocol network.

25. (New) The gateway of claim 9, wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises a storage area network (SAN).

26. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises a Fibre Channel network.

27. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises an Internet Protocol network.

28. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises a storage area network (SAN).

29. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises a Fibre Channel network.

30. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises an Internet Protocol network.

31. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein at least one of the first and second networks comprises a storage area network (SAN).